



BRIEFING: MAY 2011 EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA ITEM #4

TO: Chairman Pringle and Committee Members

FROM: Amy Winn

DATE: April 28, 2011

RE: LOSSAN Rail Corridor Joint Powers Board

Background

The Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo ("LOSSAN") Rail Corridor Agency Joint Powers Board is made up of a group of rail owners, rail operators and planning agencies dedicated to improving passenger rail between San Diego and San Luis Obispo, including efforts to bring federal dollars to build capacity and improve stations. Its members include the California Department of Transportation and local and regional transportation entities. The Southern California Association of Governments is the current ex-officio member of LOSSAN and Amtrak has also been invited to serve in this capacity. Additional technical members are the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, California Public Utilities Commission, BNSF Railway and Union Pacific.

LOSSAN's Board Chair Joe Kellejian has invited Roelof van Ark to join the LOSSAN Board as an ex-officio member. (See attached March 18, 2011 letter.) As an ex-officio member, the Authority would not have a vote in LOSSAN Board decisions and the Authority would not participate in any power sharing arrangement. (See attached copy of Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and ByLaws.)¹ Ex-Officio membership would, however, provide opportunities to engage with this important policy making body and membership would facilitate communications between the Authority and many of the agencies with whom the High Speed Rail system will be working to plan and implement its high-speed rail system. Authority staff has worked informally with LOSSAN over the past ten years.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Authority Board approve Mr. van Ark's membership as an Ex-Officio member in LOSSAN and authorize him to execute the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and By-Laws. Resolved: That CEO Van Ark is authorized to accept membership as an ex-officio member in LOSSAN.

Attachments:

- ✓ Joint Powers Agreement
- ✓ LOSSAN By Laws
- ✓ 3/18/11 Letter of Invitation from LOSSAN

¹The Joint Powers Agreement was amended at counsel's request to make this clearer. (See Section 5.2(3).)